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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF BRITISH WILLINGNESS TO ACT IN PARALLEL
VIS-A-VIS ANY FUTURE US POLICY SHIFTS TOWARDS JAMAICA

1. DURING A LONG CONVERSATION ON THE LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE
BETWEEN DCM AND BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER ON
SEPT. 19, LATTER MADE CLEAR THAT BRITISH ASSESS IMPOICATIONS
OF AGEE VISIT IN MUCH THE SAME FASHION AS WE DO. THAT IS
TO SAY, MANLEY IS DETERMINED TO MANIPULATE TO MAXIMUM AD-
VANTAGE THE DESTABILIZATION THEME IN HIS CAMPAIGN
FOR REELECTION. HE PRESUMABLY ASSUMES THIS IS NECESSARY TO
ASSURE HIS RETURN TO OFFICE AND ACCEPTS THAT MAJOR DAMAGE
INEVITABLY WILL BE DONE TO JAMAICA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH
THE US. DEPUTY HICOM GODDEN ALSO BELIEVES MANLEY IS ASSUMING
HIS OWN REELECTION AND A CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATIONS IN
WASHINGTON EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR WILL PERMIT HIM TO SET THINGS
RIGHT AT THAT TIME-- IF HE WISHES TO DO SO.

2. WE WILL BE FLESHING OUT IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE THIS
ASSESSMENT AND THE RATIONALE BEHIND IT.

3. FLOWING FROM THE ABOVE DISCUSSION GODDEN MADE CLEAR
HIS BELIEF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WISHES VERY MUCH TO WORK
CLOSELY WITH USG IN ASSESSING WHERE JAMAICA IS GOING AND WHAT
STEPS WE CAN TAKE IN PARALLEL TO PROTECT OUR RESPECTIVE
INTERESTS. HE ALSO SAID BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION FEELS TIME
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HAS COME TO PUT ACROSS, BY WORD AND BY DEED,

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CERTAIN "HOME TRUTHS" THAT PM MANLEY AND OTHERS APPARENTLY
ARE IGNORANT OF OR ARE CHOOSING TO IGNORE.

4. WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER
FOREGOING IS REFLECTED IN ANY CONVERSATIONS DEPARTMENT HAS
HELD WITH BRITISH IN WASHINGTON OR AMERICAN EMBASSY HAS
HAD IN LONDON.
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